



February 10, 2011

Doing the Right Thing Saves Three Lives



On Jan. 11 at about 9:40 a.m., Travis Flowers and James Simmons of Misener Marine Construction Inc. were performing work on the Indian River Bridge along State Road 405 when the bridge tender sounded the alarm repeatedly as if the bridge was being raised. However, the alarm frequency and duration seemed unusual to Flowers, the dredging operations superintendent.

While reaching for the marine radio to communicate with the bridge tender, Flowers heard someone yelling from atop the bridge asking if he had a boat. The bridge tender was pointing east while communicating that a man had fallen overboard.

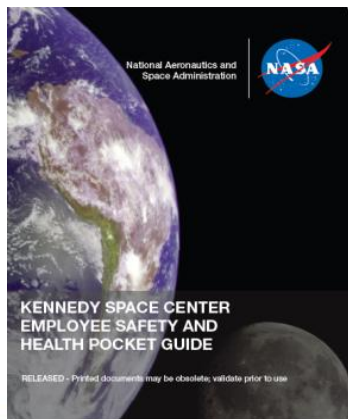
Flowers and Simmons immediately took to their emergency skiff and headed in the indicated direction. They soon spotted a small capsized boat. As they approached the vessel, two men were observed barely hanging onto the boat. On arrival, Simmons asked if everyone was OK and Flowers asked how many people were in the water? One of the men pointed south and said "one more." Simmons pulled one of the two men into the boat and then Flowers helped Simmons pull in the second man. Both rescued men were shivering as they collapsed in the boat, but were otherwise alert and appeared to be all right.

Flowers and Simmons then headed south looking for the third person. This person did not become visible until the rescuers traveled about one-half mile down river from the capsized vessel. The man in the water did not have a life vest and appeared to be very weak and not treading water well. Flowers and Simmons pulled the third man into the boat where he immediately collapsed. The man was incoherent. Simmons spoke to the man to keep him calm but awake. The rescue boat then headed to shore to seek medical attention. The three men were transported to a local hospital for treatment.

Flowers' and Simmons' quick and decisive action in pulling the men from the Indian River's sub-60 degree water undoubtedly saved the boaters' lives.

KSC Employee Safety and Health Pocket Guide

The new KSC Employee Safety and Health Pocket Guide recently was published and is available on the [TechDoc](#) system. A bulk delivery from the Government Printing Office is expected on or about Feb. 13. NASA-KSC civil service employees will receive a copy through KSC mail distribution services. Contractor safety offices can send a request by e-mail along with the required number of copies to the *Lookout* points of contact below.



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Sign of the Week



Safety Days

Schedule for
Feb. 14-18

Monday, Feb. 14

Life Sciences
Lab Safety
HQ Lobby*
*10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 15

Fire Security and
Emergency
Management
HQ Lobby*

Wednesday, Feb. 16

NASA Safety
Reporting System
(NSRS)
OSB II & HQ Lobby*

CPR/AED Training
QG304 Initial
KSC Training
Auditorium
1 p.m.

Fire Security and
Emergency
Management
OSB I Lobby*

Life Sciences
Lab Safety
OSB II Lobby*

Thursday, Feb. 17

NASA Safety
Reporting System
(NSRS)
OSB I & HQ Lobby*

Fire Security and
Emergency
Management
OSB II Lobby*